

Conference Meeting – March 26, 2024

The Conference meeting began at 6:39 p.m., the Municipal Clerk read the following statement:

This is to inform the general public that this meeting is being held in compliance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Public Law 1975. The annual notice was emailed to the Star Ledger and filed in the Township Clerk's office on November 21, 2023, and published in the West Orange Chronicle on November 30, 2023.

Roll Call –Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman Ghebremicael, Councilwoman Scarpa, Councilwoman Williams, Council President Rutherford, Mayor McCartney

- Swearing In - New Police Officers - W.O. Police Department
 - Daniel Castiglia
 - Melanie Turano
- Nikhil Badlani Foundation's Youth Advisory Board – Bill S2789/A3793
 - Requires certain permit holders to complete practice driving hours to obtain probationary driver's license.
- Presentation: Nishuane Group-Economic, Community Development & Land Use
- Mayor's Proclamation - Women's History Month

Public Meeting – March 26, 2024

The Public meeting began at 7:20 p.m., the Municipal Clerk read the following statement:

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Roll Call –Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman Ghebremicael, Councilwoman Scarpa, Councilwoman Williams, Council President Rutherford, Mayor McCartney

Public Comment

Joe Fagan – PIO

Anthony Puglisi-PIO Essex County

Ron Weston – Economic Development Commission

Micaela Bennett – Old Indian Road

Rachel Klein – Howell Drive

Todd Dubovy – Burnet Terrace

There was no one else who wished to be heard and this public comment portion of the agenda was closed.

***Reading of Petitions and Communications and Bids**

- a. Correspondence from Mayor McCartney regarding the reappointment of the Honorable Dennis Dowd as Chief Municipal Judge for the Township of West Orange, for a three-year term effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026.

Resolution(s)

- b. **REMOVED 96-24** Resolution Authorizing Accepting the Public Improvements, Including the Rights of Way at Colonial Woods North and Extension of Nance Road and Public Easements Shown on the

Filed Map Entitled “Final Plat-Block 173, Lot 2 and Block 172.29, Lot 40.02, Colonial Woods North, Township of West Orange, Essex County, New Jersey” (Legal-Trenk) **This resolution was previously tabled on 3.12.24 and removed from this agenda by Administration prior to the vote.**

- c. **98-24** Resolution Authorizing a Contract for Operation of the West Orange Recycling Center to Nature’s Choice, 1106 Millstone River Road, Hillsborough, NJ, 08044, formerly operating as Reliable Wood Products, LLC. (Legal-Moon) **previously tabled on 3.12.24**
 - d. **99-24** Resolution Authorizing a Temporary Extension of the Management, Operation and Maintenance Service Agreement for the West Orange recycling Center and Composting Facility to Nature’s Choice, 1106 Millstone River Road, Hillsborough, New Jersey, 08844, formerly operating as Reliable Wood Products, LLC. (Legal-Trenk)
 - e. **100-24** Resolution Awarding a Contract to Delta Fire & Safety Through Use of the H-GAC National Cooperative Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 (P. Reynolds)
 - f. **101-24** Resolution Authorizing a Window Contract for a Property/Evidence Audit (P. Reynolds)
 - g. **102-24** Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Litigation Specifically Police/Fire Litigation Involving Covid (Legal-Trenk)
 - h. **105-24** A Resolution Accepting a Grant from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund Public Entity Program through the New Jersey Economic Development Authority and the New Jersey Department Of Environmental Protection (Carballo)
 - i. **106-24** Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a Gift per NJSA 40A:12-5 and NJSA 40A:5-29 Authorizing the Acceptance of Bequests, Legacies and Gifts (Legal-Trenk)
 - j. **108-24** Resolution Authorizing Execution of Professional Services Agreement with Antonelli Kantor as Labor Counsel – 2024 (Legal-Trenk)
 - k. **109-24** Resolution Authorizing Execution of Professional Services Agreement with Fernando Marlin Esq. as Public Defender – 2024 (Legal-Trenk)
 - l. **110-24** Resolution Authorizing The Collector Of Taxes To Refund Payment To The Listed Taxpayer Due To An Overpayment Of Taxes Due To A Duplicate Payment (K. Longo)
 - m. **113-24** Resolution Authorizing Current Fund Appropriations and Appropriation Reserve Transfers Pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:4-58 (Gross)
 - n. **114-24** Resolution Authorizing Appropriation Cancellation Pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:4-60 (Gross)
 - o. **115-24** Resolution Authorizing a Temporary Budget Appropriation for 2nd Quarter Pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:4-19 (Gross)
 - p. **116-24** Resolution Awarding A Contract To Fire & Safety, Inc. Through Use Of The H-Gac National Cooperative Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 (Saber Pumper) (P. Reynolds)
- On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael, the consent agenda was approved.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Resolution(s) Removed from the Consent Agenda

Resolution 103-24

Resolution Authorizing Service Agreement for Goose Control Technology – 2024 (Legal-Moon)

A motion to table was offered by Councilwoman Scarpa. There was no second. The motion failed.

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael, the above referenced resolution was approved.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Resolution 104-24

Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Nishuane Group, LLC, 105 Grove Street, Suite 4, Montclair, NJ 07042 for an Economic Development Consultant for the Provision of Consulting and Support Services to the Township (P. Reynolds)

A motion to table was offered by Councilwoman Scarpa. There was no second. The motion failed.

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael, the above referenced resolution was approved.

Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman Ghebremicael, Councilwoman Williams and Council President Rutherford voting “Aye.” Councilwoman Scarpa voting “Nay.”

Resolution 107-24

Resolution Setting Forth Fees for Dog Park Passes in the Township of West Orange (Legal-Trenk)

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Ghebremicael to amend the resolution so that no fee would be charged to residents. Councilwoman Ghebremicael withdrew the motion when there was no second offered.

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, the above referenced resolution was approved.

Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman Scarpa, Councilwoman Williams and Council President Rutherford voting “Aye.” Councilwoman Ghebremicael voting “Nay.”

Resolution 111-24

Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract for Nationwide Cleaning Restoration – 2024 (Legal-Trenk)

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael, the above referenced resolution was tabled.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Resolution 112-24

Resolution Directing the Termination of Pending Litigation (Legal-Trenk)

A motion was made by Councilman Rutherford. There was no second. The motion failed.

Ordinance(s) on Second and Final Reading

Ord. 2844-24

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-23.1, Turn Prohibitions of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange – Pleasant Valley Way & Greenwood Ave.,** was taken up on second and final reading.

All members present voting “Aye.”

The Council President stated that this is the scheduled time for the public hearing and asked the Clerk to read the ordinance by title only.

The Council President asked if there was anyone who wished to be heard.

There was no one that wished to be heard and the public hearing on this Ordinance was closed.

On motion made by Councilwoman Scarpa and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, the above referenced ordinance was TABLED.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Ordinance(s) on First Reading

Ord. 2845-24

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-13 Parking Prohibited at all Times on Certain Streets and Subsection 7-32.2, Restricted Parking Zones of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange-(15 High St., 14 Washington St., 16 Llewellyn Ave., 77 Kirk St.),** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on April 9, 2024.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Ord. 2846-24

On motion made by Council President Rutherford and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, **An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Chapter 25, Sections 27 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange and Establishing Chapter ____ for Environmental Protection (Tree Protection, Removal And Replacement),** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading at a date to be determined.

Councilwoman Ghebremicael, Councilwoman Scarpa and Council President Rutherford voting “Aye.”
Councilwoman Casalino and Councilwoman Williams voting “Nay.”

Ord. 2847-24

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, **An Ordinance Supplementing Chapter 14 and Establishing a Section for Lead-Based Paint Hazard Inspection Requirements for Rental Dwellings to the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange (Lead-Based Paint Hazard Inspection Requirements for Rental Dwellings),** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on April 9, 2024.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion

- Training Class for Council Members – Budget
- Change of Date for Township Council Meeting – April
- Workshop for Cannabis Ordinance

A motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino to amend Section III – Chapter 5, Section 34.4 “Local License Standards and Limitations” of the Cannabis ordinance to read “(i) four Local Licenses for Cannabis Retailers; and (ii) three total Local License for Cannabis Cultivators or Manufacturers.”

All members present voting “Aye.”

A motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael, to introduce the amended Cannabis ordinance at the April 9, 2024 Township Council meeting.

All members present voting “Aye.”

ABC Hearing-None

At 10:30 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael, the Council adjourned the Public meeting and entered into an executive session for the purpose of discussing Litigation specifically Police/Fire Litigation Involving Covid.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Councilwoman Ghebremicael left the meeting at this time because she didn’t feel well.

At 10:59 p.m., on motion made by Council President Rutherford and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, the Executive Session was adjourned.

All members present voting “Aye.”

The Minutes of this meeting are on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.


Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk


Bill Rutherford, Council President

Adopted: April 9, 2024

Karen Carnevale

From: Susan McCartney
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 4:23 PM
To: Lawrence Rein
Cc: Karen Carnevale
Subject: Re: Sandy Guerrero

Hello Larry,

Michael Guerrero sent me the information & I submitted it to TAP & The Chronicle.

I am forwarding this information to the Municipal Clerk copied here, to prepare a Council Commendation to present at the next Town Council meeting.

Thank You.

Susan McCartney

West Orange Township Mayor

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From: Lawrence Rein <reinlawrence@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 3:01 PM
To: Susan McCartney <SMcCartney@westorange.org>
Subject: Fwd: Sandy Guerrero

Mayor

Hope you had a wonderful Easter.

I received this from Claudia Guerrero.

She would love to have this special young lady, her daughter, recognized by the town in some way.

This family has a store near Metropolitan Plant.

Your thoughts,

Larry

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Claudia Guerrero <claudia@njkick.com>
Date: Fri, Mar 29, 2024, 6:48 PM
Subject: Sandy Guerrero
To: Master Johnny Guerrero <master@njkick.com>, <Reinlawrence@gmail.com>

A bit about Sandy